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SUBJ: REACTION TO TRUDEAU VISIT

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1. REACTION IN ALBERTA TO PRIME MINISTER'S U.S. VISIT AND
SPEECH TO CONGRESS WAS GENERALLY ENTHUSIASTIC. STAUNCH,
ANTI-TRUDEAU CONSERVATIVES PUBLICLY EXPRESSED THEIR APPROVAL
OF PRIME MINISTER'S ACTIONS, AND ALBERTA POLITICIANS OF
OTHER PERSUASIONS WERE UNRESTRAINED IN THEIR PRAISE OF
TRUDEAU'S ELOQUENCE AND EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF CANADIAN UNITY.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE OBSERVED A SPONTANEOUS OUT-
POURING OF PRO-TRUDEAU SENTIMENT IN ALBERTA.

2. WE BELIEVE PRIME MINISTER'S TRIP WAS MEASURABLE BOOST
TO FEDERALIST CAUSE, AND HAS ENHANCED TRUDEAU'S STANDING AS
LEADER OF LIBERAL PARTY. IT MUST BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT
ALBERTA LIBERAL PARTY HAS JUST FINISHED DIVORCING ITSELF
FROM FEDERAL LIBERAL ESTABLISHMENT ON GROUNDS THAT CLOSE
IDENTIFICATION WITH TRUDEAU AND EASTERN INTERESTS HAS BEEN
MAJOR ELECTORAL HANDICAP. EVEN PRIME MINISTER'S BRILLIANT
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PERFORMANCE WILL NOT ALTER HIS PARTY'S BASICALLY WEAK
POSITION IN THIS PROVINCE.

3. ALBERTA MAN IN THE STREET WAS PLEASED BY INVITATION
PRIME MINISTER RECEIVED TO ADDRESS U.S. CONGRESS FOR FIRST
TIME, BY ATTENTION HIGH LEVEL AMERICANS FOCUSED ON CANADIAN
ISSUES, AND BY REPORTS OF CLOSE TRUDEAU-CARTER RAPPORT.

THERE STRONG IMPRESSION LEFT THAT U.S. CANADIAN RELATIONS
ARE ON BETTER FOOTING.

4. LOCAL PRESS PRAISED PRIME MINISTER FOR HIS EFFORTS TO
MAINTAIN CANADIAN CONFEDERATION. PRESS WAS ALSO PLEASED
OVER CLEAR EXPRESSION BY U.S. LEADERS OF THEIR PREFERENCE
FOR A UNITED CANADA. ONLY SOUR NOTES CAME FROM CBC CALGARY
WHICH BERATED TRUDEAU FOR HIS APPARENT CONCESSIONS ON GAS
PIPELINE AND WHICH OBSERVED THAT THINGS HAD COME TO A
PRETTY PASS WHEN PRIME MINISTER HAD TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S.
IN ORDER TO GET THE ATTENTION OF A CANADIAN AUDIENCE.
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